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ABSTRACT

This report presents a guide to European organizations involved in education, including individual programs and projects. Entries are brief as they are intended as simple outlines of the organizations or programs, but full addresses and telephone numbers are provided. Divided into four categories, the organizations listed are as follows: (1) European Commission Programs--ARION, CEDEFOP, COMETT, DELTA (including Channel e), ERASMUS, European Documentation Centres, European Social Fund, European Training Foundation, EUROTECNET (including ECHO), EURYCLEE, EURYDICE, FORCE, HELIOS, IRIS, Jean Monnet, LINGUA, PETRA, PHARE, TEMPUS, Young Workers' Exchange Programme, and Youth for Europe; (2) European Programmes (Non-EC)--European Work Experience, HOPE'87, JUPITER, Know-how Fund, PLUTO, SATURN, and TRACE; (3) European Organizations--Academia Europaea, Association for Teacher Education in Europe, CIDREE, Council of Europe, EUDAT, EUDISED, EUPRIO, EURASHE, European Association of Teachers, European Bureau of Adult Education, European Cultural Foundation, European Foundation Centre, FEDORA, HEURAS, IFAPLAN, and Standing Conference of Rectors, Presidents and Vice-Chancellors; and (4) United Kingdom Organizations--Central Bureau, Centre for Information on Language, Teaching and Research, EPIC Europe, Eurodesk Scotland, European Movement, PICKUP Europe, Schools Olympus Broadcasting Association (including EUROSTEP), UK Centre for European Education, and UK NARIC. (DB)

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION PROGRAMMES

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

The European Community (EC) works through four main institutions. These are:

* the Council of Ministers;
* the European Parliament;
* the Court of Justice;
* the Commission.

This last, the Commission, is the executive arm of the Community. It is answerable to the European Parliament.

The Commission is divided into 23 Directorates-General. Education is the responsibility of Directorate-General V: Employment, social affairs and education.

Within this Directorate, the Task Force: Human Resources, Education, Training and Youth was created in 1989 to coordinate the educational activities of the EC.

The Commission's London office has an Information Unit and a Library. These answer enquiries about the EC. The office produces a monthly magazine, *Europe*, and background documentation about EC activities.

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Brussels:
Commission of the European Communities
Rue de la Loi 200
1049 Brussels
Belgium

Tel: 010 322 235 1111 - general
010 322 235 2233 - queries
010 322 235 2210 - enquiries for documentation

London Office:
Jean Monnet House
8 Storey's Gate
London SW1 3AT
England

Tel: 071 222 8122

Belfast Office:
9-15 Bedford Street
Belfast BT2 7EG
Northern Ireland

Tel: 0232 240708

Cardiff Office:
4 Cathedral Road
Cardiff CF1 9SG
Wales

Tel: 0222 371631

Edinburgh Office:
7 Alva Street
Edinburgh EH2 4PH
Scotland
Tel: 031 225 2058

ARION: STUDY VISITS FOR EDUCATION SPECIALISTS

Address:
ARION
Pädagogischer Austauschdienst
Nassestraße 8
5300 Bonn 1
Federal Republic of Germany

Tel: 010 492 228 501453

UK Address:
Central Bureau
Seymour Mews House
Seymour Mews
London W1H 9PE
England

Tel: 071 486 5101

Set up: 1978

Aim: To improve mutual understanding of education systems by supporting short study visits of one week by education policy makers and other experts from different countries.

Activities: Arranges such study visits for small groups consisting of persons designated by education authorities at national, regional or local level from different member states. Current themes include: general study of primary or secondary education; prevention of illiteracy; information technology in education and environmental education.

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CEDEFOP: EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Address:	Bundesallee 22 1000 Berlin 15 Federal Republic of Germany Tel: 010 49 308 84121
UK Address:	BACIE (British Association for Commercial and Industrial Education) 16 Park Crescent London W1N 4AP England Tel: 071 636 5351
Set up:	1975
Aim:	To conduct research into and develop vocational education in the EC.
Activities:	Provides information and documentation services.
Publications:	Publishes many documents, including *Education and Training* (journal published four times a year in conjunction with EURYDICE) and *CEDEFOP Flash*, and comparative handbooks on vocational training and the role of the social partners, young migrants and so on in EC countries.

COMETT: COMMUNITY PROGRAMME IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Address:	COMETT Technical Assistance Unit Avenue de Cortenbergh 71 1040 Brussels Belgium Tel: 010 322 733 9755
UK Address:	COMETT Liaison Office Room 6/17 Elizabeth House York Road London SE1 7PH England Tel: 071 934 9385
Set up:	1987
Aim:	To encourage cooperation between higher education and industry in order to develop initial and continuing training in technology and to meet industry's requirements for a qualified workforce.
Activities:	Arranges and finances University-Enterprise Training Partnerships, transnational student placements, development of training courses and pilot projects.
Publications:	*COMETT Bulletin.*

DELTA: DEVELOPING EUROPEAN LEARNING THROUGH TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCE

Address: DELTA Central Office
TREV 00/1, CEC
Rue de la Loi 200
1049 Brussels
Belgium

Tel: 010 322 236 2076

Set up: 1985

Aim: To develop applications of information technology and telecommunications to advanced learning in Europe, particularly open and distance learning, by supporting collaborative research and development.

Activities: Finances programmes to facilitate the above, holds conferences and partly finances ELTA (European Learning Technology Association).

In 1990, it launched the Channel e project - a new educational and informational service of television programmes by satellite undertaken by the European Institute for the Media. The project is designed to include evaluation of the possibilities of establishing a full-scale European open learning channel for the next decade. Programmes are in 4 strands: language programmes, programmes for migrant communities, continuing education, post-experience and professional training. For further information on Channel e, contact:

The European Institute for the Media
The University
Manchester M13 9PL
England

Tel: 061 273 2754.

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ERASMUS: EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ACTION SCHEME FOR THE MOBILITY OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Address: ERASMUS Bureau
Rue d'Arlon 15
1040 Brussels
Belgium

Tel: 010 322 233 0111

UK Address: UK ERASMUS Student Grants Council
University of Kent
Canterbury
Kent CT2 7PD
England

Tel: 0227 762712

Set up: 1987

Aim: To promote the mobility of students and teaching staff and cooperation in higher education within the EC.

Activities: Provides grants for individuals or groups for visits organized as part of, or for the implementation of, student mobility programmes through the Inter-university Cooperation Programmes (ICPs). Also provides grants for National Academic Recognition Centres (NARICs) (for further details on the UK NARIC, please see separate entry) and the European Community Course Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

The ECTS programme aims to solve the problems of academic recognition still existing between member states as regards courses and periods of study and intermediate and final examinations. The system will enable students who are following a higher education training course, or have completed one, to receive a credit for the training undertaken in another member state.

EUROPEAN DOCUMENTATION CENTRES

Address:	Commission of the European Communities Jean Monnet House 8 Storey's Gate London SW1P 3AT England Tel: 071 222 8122 The above office can provide a full list of the 48 European Documentation Centres (EDCs) established in the UK.
Set up:	1967
Aim:	To stimulate the development of the study of Europe in academic institutions and provide an information service for the local community.
Activities:	EDCs maintain a substantial collection of EC documentation, ranging from the texts of Community legislation to popular level explanatory publications.

EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND

Address:	Commission of the European Communities Task Force: Human Resources, Education, Training and Youth Rue de la Loi 200 1049 Brussels Belgium Tel: 010 322 235 1111
UK Address:	European Social Fund Unit (Civil Service College) 6th Floor 11 Belgrave Road London SW1V 1RB England Tel: 071 834 6644
Set up:	1957
Aim:	To aid implementation of the social policy of the EC by promoting the development of regions lagging behind, facilitating the redevelopment of regions in industrial decline, combating long-term unemployment in all EC regions, facilitating the integration of young people into the labour market in all EC regions and promoting the development of rural areas.
Activities:	Awards funding for projects. 80% of its expenditure is devoted to training.

EUROPEAN TRAINING FOUNDATION

Address:	Bundesallee 221000 Berlin 15 Federal Republic of Germany Tel: 010 49 308 84121
Set up:	1990
Aim:	To contribute to the adaptation of the training systems of Central and East European countries, starting with Poland and Hungary. It will cooperate closely with CEDEFOP in Berlin. It will be based on PHARE (for further details on PHARE, please see separate entry).
Activities:	It is foreseen that the Foundation will contribute to identifying training and retraining needs and the strategy to be followed; act as a clearing house through which information on demands and offers of assistance can be filtered; promote and facilitate multilateral assistance by arranging for specific multinational teams or the multinational cofinancing of specific projects to be implemented under the Foundation's supervision on a decentralised basis.

EUROTECNET: EUROPEAN TECHNOLOGY NETWORK

Address:	EUROTECNET Technical Assistance Unit Avenue de Cortenbergh 66 (Bte 13) 1040 Brussels Belgium Tel: 010 322 736 8073
UK Address:	Department of Employment Caxton House Tothill Street London SW1 England Tel: 071 273 5397
Set up:	1985
Aim:	To support demonstration projects and visits and the exchange of information about vocational training linked to new technology, especially for small enterprises, and the analysis of new developments and needs. The new programme launched in June 1990 aims to promote innovation and adapt initial and continuing training in the new technologies.
Activities:	135 demonstration projects in 1989. It is expected that, by the end of 1991, between 250 and 300 projects will be linked together in the network. A database of information on the projects can be consulted via ECHO, the free EC phone network

set up to provide information on technology questions, EC programmes, accessing EC databases and how to contact Max, ECHO's talking computer. The ECHO help desk is available from the United Kingdom, Freephone 0800 899256, between 8am and 6pm.

EURYCLEE: NETWORK OF NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTRES ON NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES AND EDUCATION IN THE EC

UK Addresses:

EURYCLEE Centre
NCET (National Council for Educational Technology) at Coventry
William Lyons Road
Science Park
University of Warwick
Coventry CV4 7EZ
England

Tel: 0203 416994

EURYCLEE Centre
Scottish Council for Educational Technology (SCET)
Dowanhill
74 Victoria Crescent Road
Glasgow G12 9JN
Scotland

Tel: 041 334 9314

Set up: 1985

Aim: To promote the use of new information technology in education, through a Euro-wide network of organizations.

Activities: The network comprises at least one national unit in each member state. These gather and exchange information about the introduction of new

information technology in the educational field in order to provide those involved with a better acquaintance with it along with a knowledge of the existing educational software and common access to the educational software data banks of all the member states.

Publications: *EURYCLEE Info.*

EURYDICE: EC EDUCATION INFORMATION NETWORK

Address:

EURYDICE European Unit
Rue Archimède 17, Bte 17
1040 Brussels
Belgium

Tel: 010 322 230 0382

UK Addresses:

EURYDICE Unit (for England, Wales and Northern Ireland)
EPIC Europe
NFER (National Foundation for Educational Research)
The Mere
Upton Park
Slough
Berkshire SL1 2DQ
England

Tel: 0753 574123

EURYDICE Unit (for Scotland)
Scottish Office
Education Department
New St Andrew's House
St James Centre
Edinburgh EH1 2SY
Scotland

Tel: 031 556 8400

Set up: 1980

Aim:	To facilitate the exchange of information about the education systems of the various countries of the EC and thus strengthen mutual understanding and share experiences with regard to innovation and reform.
Activities:	Provides a network of information services in EC countries for the exchange of such information for the benefit of education policy makers.
Publications:	*Education and Training* (journal published four times a year in conjunction with CEDEFOP). Several other occasional publications.

FORCE: ACTION PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONTINUING VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Address: Commission of the European Communities
Task Force: Human Resources, Education, Training and Youth
Rue de la Loi 200
1049 Brussels
Belgium

Tel: 010 322 235 1111

Set up: 1991

Aim: To convince enterprises of all kinds of the need to invest in continuing training and its provision; to ensure that they are able to design and model their training on up-to-date information and data on the best training available; to encourage more innovation in management, methodology and equipment; to underpin the objectives of the Single Market by supporting transnational continuing training projects and encouraging wide exchange of experience and individual mobility; to help training systems respond to labour market needs and changes by improving Community-level forecasting of occupational and qualification needs.

Activities: (Proposed. Selection criteria and arrangements will be available and projects selected and launched by the end of 1991).

Support for innovation in continuing vocational training through the activities of the European network of transnational operations, the exchange scheme for instructors and specialists in continuing vocational training, pilot schemes and sectoral surveys.

Closer cooperation between member states in their analysis of continuing vocational training needs and their monitoring of provision. This is to be effected through the exchange of comparable data, the analysis of contractual policy, the exchange scheme (for members of socio-professional organizations) and cooperation in forecasting trends in demands for vocational training qualifications.

Augmenting the FORCE network with regional consortia and transnational training partnerships financed by the European Social Fund (ESF) (for further details on the ESF, please see separate entry).

HELIOS: PROGRAMME FOR THE INTEGRATION OF DISABLED PEOPLE

Address: Avenue de Cortenbergh 79
1040 Brussels
Belgium

Tel: 010 322 735 4105

Set up: 1988

Aim: To support the social and economic integration of the physically handicapped.

Activities: Funds 20 projects on school integration. Maintains the Handynet database of information for the disabled. The coordination of national data for this database within the UK is done at the following centre:

Disabled Living Foundation
380-384 Harrow Road
London W9 2HU

Tel: 071 289 6111

Publications: *HELIOS* (a magazine, available free of charge, in nine of the EC languages. It is hoped it will soon be available in braille and tape form.)

IRIS: EC NETWORK OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR WOMEN

Address:

CREW
(Centre for Research on European Women)
38 rue Stévin
1040 Brussels
Belgium

Tel: 010 322 230 5158

UK Addresses:

Commission of the European Communities
Jean Monnet House
8 Storey's Gate
London SW1 3AT
England

Tel: 071 222 8122

Equal Opportunities Commission
Overseas House
Quay Street
Manchester
M3 3HN
England

Tel: 061 833 9244

Training, Enterprise and Education Directorate
Moorfoot
Sheffield
S1 4PQ
England

Tel: 0742 753275

Set up:	1988
Aim:	To stimulate and support vocational training for women, in particular by creating a training method especially adapted to their needs and to increase the involvement of employers and trade union organizations in vocational training programmes for women.
Activities:	Supported 71 programmes in 1989. Maintains a database of programmes.
Publications:	*Women in Europe, IRIS Bulletin.*

JEAN MONNET: EUROPEAN INTEGRATION IN UNIVERSITY STUDIES

Address: Commission of the European Communities
Directorate-General for Information, Communication and Culture
University Information
(Jean Monnet Project)
Rue de la Loi 200
1049 Brussels
Belgium

Tel: 010 322 236 2421

Set up: 1989

Aim: To encourage wider knowledge of EC affairs and, especially, of the question of European integration by encouraging universities to adapt the content of their courses to take account of EC developments and strengthening the research capacity of universities in the sphere of European integration.

Activities: Provides funds on a cofinancing basis for the establishment of European chairs (that is teaching posts, studies/courses and "European studies" modules) and research on European integration.

LINGUA: EC ACTION PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE FOREIGN LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

Address:

LINGUA
Place du Luxembourg 2/3
1040 Brussels
Belgium

Tel: 010 322 511 4218

UK Addresses:

LINGUA
Central Bureau
Seymour Mews House
Seymour Mews
London W1H 9PE
England

Tel: 071 224 1477

Scottish Lingua Office
Central Bureau
3 Bruntsfield Crescent
Edinburgh EH10 4HD
Scotland

Tel: 031 447 8024

Northern Ireland Lingua Office
Central Bureau
16 Malone Road
Belfast BT9 5BN

Tel: 0232 664418

Set up: 1989

Aim:	To promote a quantitative and qualitative improvement in foreign language competence among EC citizens.
Activities:	The promotion of in-service training courses for teachers of foreign languages and their trainers; the promotion of foreign language learning in universities and, in particular, to develop the initial training of foreign language teachers; the promotion of knowledge of foreign languages used in work relations and in economic life; the promotion of exchanges between young people who are undergoing professional, vocational and technical education. The languages covered by the programme are Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Irish, Italian, Letzeburgesch, Portuguese and Spanish.

PETRA: EC ACTION PROGRAMME FOR THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR PREPARATION FOR ADULT AND WORKING LIFE

Address: PETRA Technical Support Unit
IFAPLAN
Square Ambiorix 32
1040 Brussels
Belgium

Tel: 010 322 230 7106

UK Address: Vocational and Technical Education Department
Central Bureau
Seymour Mews House
Seymour Mews
London W1H 9PE
England

Tel: 071 486 5101

Set up: 1987

Aim: To help member states to ensure that all young people who so wish receive one year's vocational training or more upon completion of their compulsory education; to raise the standard of initial training and preparation for adult and working life and continuing training; to diversify training and ensure that it leads to recognized qualifications; to enhance the capacity of training systems to adapt to economic, social and

technological change; to develop a European dimension in initial vocational training.

Activities: Supports a limited number of small-scale projects in which young people themselves play a major part in the planning and management of activities which contribute in various ways to their training, particularly by helping them to develop their independence, creativity and entrepreneurial skills. Fosters cooperation on research into the effectiveness of training policies in the member states.

PHARE: POLAND-HUNGARY ASSISTANCE FOR ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING

Address: PHARE Task Force
Directorate-General for External Relations
Commission of the European Communities
Rue de la Loi 200
1049 Brussels
Belgium

Tel: 010 322 235 1111

Set up: 1989

Aim: Initially, co-ordinating aid to Poland and Hungary, designed to facilitate the restructuring of the economies of these two countries. One of the five priority areas identifed was management and professional training. In 1990, it was decided to extend the PHARE assistance programme to the other countries covered by the TEMPUS programme and the activities of the European Training Foundation (ETF), that is, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Romania and Yugoslavia. (For further details of TEMPUS and the ETF, please see separate entries.)

Activities: Administrates the overall EC budget for assistance to the countries named above via schemes such as those named and others in the remaining four priority areas, that is: supply of agricultural products and the use of counterpart funds; investment, venture capital information and joint ventures; additional possibilities for exports and environmental co-operation.

TEMPUS: TRANS-EUROPEAN MOBILITY SCHEME FOR UNIVERSITY STUDIES

Address: TEMPUS
European Cooperation Centre
Rue de Trèves 45
1040 Brussels
Belgium

Tel: 010 322 238 7833

Set up: 1990

Aim: To enable the participation of Central and Eastern Europe in education and training programmes similar to existing EC programmes such as ERASMUS and LINGUA.

Activities: The second phase of the TEMPUS programme is being run by the European Cooperation Centre, an umbrella organization for a consortium of eight institutions. TEMPUS finances joint European training programmes which link universities and/or enterprises in Eastern European countries with similar bodies in at least two member states; mobility grants for teachers, students, administrative staff and industry personnel; complementary activities for universities, enterprises and individuals. For the academic year 1991-2, the countries eligible for inclusion in the programme are Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Yugoslavia.

YOUNG WORKERS' EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Address:	European Community Youth Exchange Bureau Place du Luxembourg 2/3 1040 Brussels Belgium Tel: 010 322 511 1510
UK Address:	Youth Exchange Centre Central Bureau Seymour Mews House Seymour Mews London W1H 9PE England Tel: 071 487 5961
Set up:	1964
Aims:	To enable young people aged between 18-28 to complement and enrich their vocational training and to give them the opportunity of participating in the social, cultural and political life of their future EC partners.
Activities:	Runs a programme of exchanges for such young people who either are employed or are seeking employment and who have received basic vocational training or some form of work experience. Preference is given to applicants who have not attended university. The exchanges may be based on any trade or sector of the economy and may be short-term (3 weeks-3 months) or long-term (4-16 months).

YOUTH FOR EUROPE

Address:	European Community Youth Exchange Bureau Place du Luxembourg 2/3 1040 Brussels Belgium Tel: 010 322 511 1510
UK Address:	Youth Exchange Centre Central Bureau Seymour Mews House Seymour Mews London W1H 9PE England Tel: 071 487 5961
Set up:	1988
Aims:	To enable young people aged 15-25 to take part in a wide range of exchange activities; to provide aid for the creation of a youth exchange infrastructure by European non-governmental organizations.
Activities:	Programmes for groups of young people outside school and training activities; short study visits for young workers; organization of national agencies and European training for youth workers.

EUROPEAN PROGRAMMES (NON-EC)

EUROPEAN WORK EXPERIENCE

Address: ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation and Training) Resource Centre
Westfield College
Kidderpore Avenue
London NW3 7ST
England

Tel: 071 794 0029

Set up: 1989

Aim: To encourage and enable young people to have the confidence to work in another European country; to provide an opportunity to gain an appreciation of another European country's culture and working environment; to assist the personal development, enhance the language skills and encourage the spirit of enterprise in young people.

Activities: Provides 2-3 week work experience placements provided through multi-national and major national companies, the European Association of Chambers of Commerce, trade unions and twinned towns for post 16 students in schools or colleges. A resource package, consisting of a collection of guidelines and case studies, is being developed for the UK, which may be used as a model for equivalent versions for France, Germany and Spain. The programme is supported by the Training Agency, the Commission for the European Communities, industry and commerce.

HOPE '87: HUNDREDS OF ORIGINAL PROJECTS FOR EMPLOYMENT

Address: HOPE '87 Institute
Kolingasse 15
1090 Vienna
Austria

Tel: 010 431 310 1667

Set up: 1987

Aim: To share expertise in the fields of education and vocational training with other countries, in particular the developing ones, and to set up education and training programmes to serve as models for other countries. To promote the participation of youth in income-generating activities.

Activities: Encourages vocational training and appropriate educational programmes, maintains a comprehensive databank and organizes youth employment competitions and fairs. The emphasis is on technical co-operation activities that can assist in the realization of youth employment programmes. Seeks to assist in co-ordinating employment projects, arranges international contacts between project initiators and implementing agencies and supports the implementation of projects.

JUPITER: JOINT UNIVERSITIES AND POLYTECHNICS INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Address: Jupiter Consortium Ltd
131 High Street
Teddington
Middlesex TW11 8HH
England

Tel: 081 977 9033

Set up: 1985

Aim: To provide industry with information on advanced updating courses in selected leading-edge areas of technology which are critical to Europe's competitive advantage. The JUPITER Consortium was established with government support as a non-profit making company to provide management information and knowledge of course availability and quality to JUPITER members, thus enabling them to improve staff training.

Activities: Identifies gaps in existing course provision and helps fill these gaps to ensure that vital areas of technology training are covered. Advises industry and academia on the skills and management training necessitated by new technology applications.

Publications: Produces compendiums of the various courses available.

KNOW-HOW FUND: BRITISH GOVERNMENT FUND FOR EASTERN EUROPE

Address: Joint Assistance Unit
Eastern European Department
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
King Charles Street
London SW1 2AH

Tel: 071 270 2944

Set up: 1989

Aim: To assist in the development of democracy and the free market in Eastern Europe. Originally set up specifically for Poland, it now includes Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Romania and what used to be the German Democratic Republic.

Activities: Very wide indeed, including projects in the fields of management education and training, energy policy assistance, local government, business development and broadcasting - to name but a few.

Efforts are concentrated in different fields in the different countries but the main identified priorities are as follows:

Poland - management development; English language training; banking and financial services; energy; industry; accountancy.

Hungary - management training; public administration; privatisation and financial services.
Czechoslovakia - management training; public administration; privatisation and financial services; training and advice in the environmental sector.

Eastern Germany - English language training and scholarships.

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PLUTO: NETWORK FOR TEACHER EDUCATION IN EUROPE

UK Address:

Pluto Network
Manchester Polytechnic
799 Wilmslow Road
Manchester
M20 8RR
England

Tel: 061 247 1033

Set up: 1989

Aims: To provide facilities to enable collaborative distance learning and to explore the effects of new communications technologies on teacher-pupil relationships.

Activities: PLUTO is a network of teacher training institutions and schools and for teacher education in Europe. It works closely with major inter-governmental organizations in developing training courses and materials to enable schools to work in the area of telecommunications. It is based mainly in Western Europe but is developing strong links with the countries of Eastern Europe and with republics within the USSR. It receives support from major international manufacturers and from the EC.

SATURN: EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP OF DISTANCE TEACHING ORGANISATIONS AND INDUSTRY

Address: Saturn
Keizersgracht 756
1017 EZ Amsterdam
Netherlands

Tel: 010 312 038 2441

UK Address: Saturn Consortium
PO Box 564
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Milton Keynes
MK7 6DG M20 8RR
England

Tel: 0908 274066

Set up: 1987

Aim: To produce a better-trained, better-qualified European workforce, using distance teaching methods. Specifically, it aims to share the expertise and resources of distance learning organizations with industry and commerce; to share the costs of training between members with similar needs; to identify specific training needs and support projects to meet these needs; to keep industry informed about the training courses, resources, techniques, quality and delivery methods available.

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Activities:	Provides information about several hundred distance teaching courses covering computing, informatics, advanced manufacturing and so on; matches training needs with the facilities available throughout Europe; provides consultancy services; develops new courses and trains the trainers.
Publications:	Newsletter and guide to distance learning.

TRACE: TRANS REGIONAL ACADEMIC MOBILITY AND CREDENTIAL EVALUATION

Address: International Association of Universities
Rue Miollis 1
Paris
France

Tel: 010 33 145 682545

Set up: 1989

Aims: To establish a decentralized, computerized information system giving easy access to reliable and comparable data on higher education systems and institutions on a worldwide basis; to provide a link between existing and future databases concerned with academic axchange, student mobility and evaluation/recognition of qualifications.

EUROPEAN ORGANIZATIONS

ACADEMIA EUROPAEA

Address:	Academia Europaea 10c St Edward's Passage Cambridge CB2 3PJ England Tel: 0223 461497
Set up:	1989
Aim:	To bring together scholars from different European countries in order to consider problems common to Europe without political pressure.
Activities:	Arranges conferences.

ASSOCIATION FOR TEACHER EDUCATION IN EUROPE

Address: 51 Rue de la Concorde
1040 Brussels
Belgium

Tel: 010 322 512 1734

Set up: 1976

Aim: To establish closer links between establishments for the education of teachers and those responsible for that education throughout Europe. In particular, it ams to: facilitate comparison beteen different concepts of teacher education and changes taking place; create direct contacts beteen teacher education institutions with a view to encouraging exchanges; stimulate a general debate on the interaction between change and innovation; contribute to information about innovations in teaching techniques; collaborate with relevant international organizations.

Activities: Arranges annual conferences, sets up working groups, carries out consultancy work and is involved in many programmes designed to stimulate East-West cooperation and activites related to the introduction of the European dimension in teacher training.

Publications: *The European Journal of Teacher Education*, a regular newsletter, conference publications and other occasional publications.

CIDREE: CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH IN EDUCATION IN A EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE

Address:

Secretariat CIDREE
Stichting Leerplan Ontwikkeling
(Dutch National Institute for Curriculum Development)
PO Box 2041
7500 CA Enschede
Netherlands

Tel: 010 315 384 0840

Any correspondance should be marked:
For the attention of drs Johan C van Bruggen
or drs Hans Hooghoff

Set up: 1990

Aim: To improve education in Europe by helping to develop and spread the most advanced knowledge and development in the field of education in Europe as efficiently as possible.

Activities: Encourages collaborative projects between its member institutions and provides means for the dissemination and exchange of information. Only institutes that are in charge of curriculum development and/or educational research in a European country are eligible for membership. UK members include the National Curriculum Council, the National Foundation for Educational Research, the Scottish Consultative Council on the Curriculum and the Scottish Council for Research in Education.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Address: Council of Europe
BP 431 R6
67006 Strasbourg Cedex
France

Tel: 010 331 88 614961

Set up: 1949

Aims: To promote closer unity among its member countries (which number 24) in order to achieve economic and social progress.

Activities: It advises on economic, social, legal, cultural, scientific and other matters. It has many different sections, including the EUDISED database (please see separate EUDISED entry for further details) and the Documentation Centre for Education in Europe and the School Education Division. The contact address for both these latter is as given above.

Publications: *Forum: for the discussion of new trends in education* (quarterly journal issued in English, French, German and Italian).

Education Newsletter/Faits Nouveaux (five issues each year), giving information on educational developments in member states.

A vast amount of other publications are available. Further details are available from the above address.

EUDAT: EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DATABASES ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Address: Europäische Vereinigung der Datenbanken
in der Aus- und Weiterbildung
c/o Berliner Weiterbildungsdatenbank
Tauentzienstrasse 4
1000 Berlin
Germany

Tel: 010 4930 213 1990

Set up: 1989

Aim: To effect easier access to information on education and training opportunities; to preserve and develop the variety such opportunities; to encourage the European Community (EC) and the member states to attach priority importance to guaranteeing education and training and equal opportunities for all citizens.

Activities: The Association intends to carry out the following: define data standards for communication between databases; provide support in establishing a multilingual thesaurus; analyse requests for information concerning the free movement of persons within the EC; encourage the idea of large-scale marketing operations for databases; compile and update a European directory of databases on education and training; establish a CD-ROM for all databases in the EC; establish contact points in each of the member states

where advice can be given to foreign companies and organizations seeking partners; develop a project within the framework of DELTA (please see separate entry for further details); assist in the technical and organizational preparations for study visits for professionals in the field.

It intends to work closely with the European Commission and CEDEFOP (please see separate entry for further details).

EUDISED: EUROPEAN DOCUMENTATION AND INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR EDUCATION

Address: Council of Europe
BP 431
R6
67006 Strasbourg
France

Tel: 010 33 88 412000

Set up: 1968

Aim: To increase awareness of research projects being undertaken in the field of education on a transeuropean basis. It is part of the Council of Europe.

Activities: Maintains a database containing abstracts in English, French or German on educational research in 24 European countries. This is available online through ESA Information Retrieval Service. For additional information about online access (not working documents), contact:

IRS DIALTECH
Department of Trade and Industry
Room 392
Ashdown House
123 Victoria Street
London SW1E 6RB
England.

Publications: *EUDISED Multilingual Thesaurus* (available in 9 languages) for indexing educational information.
EUDISED R & D Bulletin (quarterly reports).

EUPRIO: ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES PUBLIC RELATIONS AND INFORMATION OFFICERS

Address: EUPRIO
c/o The Secretariat of the EURASHE
HEURAS-Brussels
Rue de la Concorde 51
1050 Brussels
Belgium

Tel: 010 322 512 1734

Set up: 1986

Aim: To provide a professional network of colleagues in universities and all higher education institutes throughout the European community who are engaged in public relations and related tasks in order to exchange ideas and techniques and promote the professional excellence of all members.

Activities: Research programmes leading to bi-annual European conferences on matters of professional interest.

Publications: *EUPRIO Network Bulletin*, occasional news sheets.

EURASHE: EUROPEAN ASSOCIATIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Address: EURASHE
HEURAS-Brussels
Rue de la Concorde 51
1050 Brussels
Belgium

Tel: 010 322 512 1734

Set up: 1990

Aim: To deal with all problems related to higher education outside the universities. By January 1991, it had national member organizations in 8 European countries.

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS

Address:	EAT 20 Brookfield Highgate West Hill London N6 6AS England Tel: 081 340 9136
Set up:	1956
Aim:	To develop among teachers an understanding of the problems of European unification and to harmonize contents and methods of teaching. There are national sections. The UK section, formed in 1963, promotes understanding and awareness of European affairs in schools and colleges through its teacher members.
Activities:	It represents teachers of European studies on the Council of Subject Teaching Associations and has produced reports and ideas for promoting teaching about Europe across the curriculum. Organizes courses, conferences and study tours.
Publications:	Annual journal, quarterly newsletter and eight national reviews.

EUROPEAN BUREAU OF ADULT EDUCATION

Address:	Nieuweweg 4 PO Box 367 3800 AJ Amersfoort Netherlands Tel: 010 33 631114
Set up:	1953
Aim:	To encourage cooperation between adult education organizations on questions of methods, materials and the exchange of individuals.
Activities:	Arranges study sessions and tours. Has members in 18 European countries and associate members in America and Australia.

EUROPEAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION

Address:	European Cultural Foundation General Secreteriat Jan van Goyenkade 5 1075 HN Amsterdam Netherlands Tel: 010 31 20 760222
Set up:	1954
Aim:	To provide the initial impetus for new cultural ventures and to develop and to foster a feeling of mutual understanding and of democratic solidarity among the people of Europe. The Foundation concentrates on projects concerned with the future of Europe and hence includes education.
Activities:	Receives funds from the Dutch General Lottery, Football Pools and Lotto. Implements an extensive grants programme, participating financially in projects undertaken by others. The main areas for grants are: fine arts, history, literature, music and cultural cooperation; education, language and youth; employment and social issues; the environment; international relations and human rights; and the media.

EUROPEAN FOUNDATION CENTRE

Address: 51 Rue de la Concorde
1050 Brussels
Belgium

Tel: 010 322 512 8938

Set up: 1989

Aim: The establishment of a Foundation presence in Brussels, assisting in the representation of grant-makers at European level; support for the development of Foundations as an essential part of providing for the needs of Europeans living in pluralistic societies by acting as an information- and project-clearing house, initially primarily directed towards Central and Eastern Europe; assistance in the setting up and maintenance of a decentralised Foundation Communication System, networked at local, national and regional levels, and concerted at European level.

FEDORA: FORUM EUROPEEN DE L'ORIENTATION ACADEMIQUE

Address: FEDORA
Viale Ventuno Aprile 36
00162 Roma
Italy

UK address: c/o Mr T Raban
University Careers Service
Stuart House
Mill Lane
Cambridge CB2 1XE
England
Tel: 0223 338288

Set up: 1988

Aim: To bring together those involved in all aspects of student guidance in institutions of higher education in Europe and provide information and advice about opportunities for study and work throughout the European Community.

Activities: Preparation of a directory of student advisory services in institutions of higher education within the Community to enable advisers and their clients to contact their opposite numbers for help and advice; a glossary of terms used in student guidance set in the context of information about the educational background and structures of each member state; research into the changing needs for guidance of students in higher education within the European Community.

HEURAS: EUROPEAN ASSOCIATIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Address:	HEURAS-Brussels 51 Rue de la Concorde 1050 Brussels Belgium Tel: 010 322 512 1734
Set up:	1988 (funding taken over by the European Cooperation Fund)
Aim:	To be a major service and information centre in the field of higher education and cooperation in Europe.
Activities:	Offers logistical and administrative support to its eight member associations (ie, the Association for Teacher Education in Europe, the Société Européenne pur la Formation des Ingénieurs, the Comparative Education Society in Europe, the Liaison Committee of Rectors' Conferences of Member States of the European Community, the European Association of Higher Education, the European Association of University Information and Public Relations Officers, the European Association of Architectural Education and BUSINET, a European network of higher education institutions) and to other associations. It is a subdivision of the European Cultural Foundation.

IFAPLAN

Address:	Square Ambiorix 32 1040 Brussels Belgium Tel: 010 322 230 7106
Set up:	1976
Aim:	An independent research institute that has done a considerable amount of work for the European Commission. In particular, it produced a long series of reports, under the general title of Working Documents, as part of the EC Action Programme: Transition of Young People from Education to Adult and Working Life.
Activities:	At present, it is providing technical support for the EC PETRA programme (please see separate entry for further details).
Publications:	A list is available from IFAPLAN on request.

STANDING CONFERENCE OF RECTORS, PRESIDENTS AND VICE-CHANCELLORS OF THE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

Address:	10 Rue du Conseil Général 1211 Geneva 4 Switzerland Tel: 010 41 22 292644
Set up:	1959
Aim:	To achieve and develop co-operation between the executive heads of all European universities.
Activities:	Programme of co-operation with Latin-American universities and the European Round Table of Industrialists; sponsors in-depth studies on the role of the university in European society; develops an interuniversity research project on the history of European universities; organizes general assemblies of all European universities every 5 years, conferences twice a year, training and ad hoc seminars.

UNITED KINGDOM ORGANIZATIONS

CENTRAL BUREAU

Addresses

Central Bureau
Seymour Mews House
Seymour Mews
London W1H 9PE
England

Tel: 071 486 5101

Central Bureau Scottish Office
3 Bruntsfield Crescent
Edinburgh EH10 4HD
Scotland

Tel: 031 447 8024

Central Bureau Northern Ireland Office
16 Malone Road
Belfast BT9 5BN
Northern Ireland

Tel: 0232 664418/9

Set up: 1948

Aim: To promote all forms of educational visits and exchanges.

Activities: **Services to schools.** Finds suitable partners abroad for pupils for exchanges, forges links and assists in planning visits.

International services to vocational and technical education. Identifies contacts for British colleges, polytechnics and universities wanting to establish links abroad for staff or student

exchange, specialist study visits, joint projects or any other patterns of cooperation. Administers the EC Young Worker Exchange Programme (please see separate entry for further details) and the International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE UK).

Exchange of language assistants. Enables language students from Britain and over 30 countries to spend a year working in a school or college in the country of their target language.

Exchange and interchange of teachers. Administers the official EC teacher exchange schemes, arranges unilateral appointments and interchanges with others and the UK/US Teacher Exchange Scheme.

Short courses and study visits. With the Department of Education and Science (DES), organizes short in-service training courses for teachers of modern languages in France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy and Spain and courses for teachers of classical subjects held in Rome and Athens. Administers a range of study visit schemes for teachers or administrators, including the EC ARION programme (please see separate entry for further details) with the DES and the local education authorities.

Publications: Several that give advice relevant to the above.

CILT: CENTRE FOR INFORMATION ON LANGUAGE TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Address: Regent's College
Inner Circle
Regent's Park
London NW1 4NS
England

Tel: 071 486 8221/4

Set up: 1966

Aim: To collect and coordinate information about all aspects of modern languages and their teaching and to make this information available for the benefit of education in Britain. It is funded by the Department of Education and Science, the Scottish Education Department and the Department of Education for Northern Ireland.

Activities: Provides information and advisory services; maintains liaison and cooperation with professional associations and teachers' organizations in Britain which are concerned with languages; maintains international links, especially with other European countries, through its research information services; disseminates information through its Language Teaching Library, its publications and by answering individual enquiries; by agreement with the Council of Europe, coordinates a European register of research in progress on linguistics and relevant aspects of psychology, sociology and education, as well as on particular languages.

EPIC EUROPE: EDUCATION POLICY INFORMATION CENTRE EUROPE

Address: EPIC Europe
NFER (National Foundation for Educational Research)
The Mere
Upton Park
Slough
Berkshire SL1 2DQ
England

Tel: 0753 574123

Set up: 1980

Aim: To provide information about education policy and practice in other European countries for senior central and local government education officers in order to support policy-making and implementation and the management of the education service.

Activities: Secures relevant, timely and accurate information through direct contact with counterparts in European countries. EPIC Europe is the link for England, Wales and Northern Ireland in the EC EURYDICE network (please see separate entry for further details). It concentrates on supporting long-term and medium-term educational planning and initiatives. It co-operates with the department of Education and Science, the Society of Education Officers, the Central Bureau and the British Council in the planning and briefing which precede the UK programme of international

study visits and in disseminating the information obtained. It may undertake sponsored activities, including in-depth briefings or consultancies.

Publications: List available on request.

EURODESK SCOTLAND

Address: Eurodesk Scotland
Scottish Community Education Council
West Coates House
90 Haymarket Terrace
Edinburgh EH12 5LQ

Tel: 031 313 2488

Set up: 1990

Aim: To promote and develop education and training initiatives relating to the Single European Market after 1992.

Activities: Provides information on EC programmes and good practice in Scotland. Runs an enquiry helpline, holds publications and books for consultation in its library, can provide summaries of books and articles and keeps a database of information on EC programmes, project profiles, European awareness and European activity in Scotland. Can carry out information searches for clients on issues related to education, training and youth in an European context.

EUROPEAN MOVEMENT

Address: Europe House
1 Whitehall Place
London SW1A 2DA
England

Tel: 071 839 6622/3

Set up: 1948

Aim: To promote European integration.

Activities: Provides information and analysis about the European Community and campaigns for closer economic and political ties. Arranges conferences for sixth-formers. Runs the Young European Movement, which is based primarily in the universities and organizes educational and social activities aimed at attracting students wishing to expand their knowledge and take part in the international movement's activities.

PICKUP EUROPE: PROFESSIONAL, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL UPDATING

Address: The PICKUP Europe Unit
South Bank Polytechnic
Borough Road
London SE1 0AA
England

Tel: 071 633 9249

Set up: 1989

Aim: Established by the Department of Education and Science to extend existing PICKUP activities to address the training needs of employers in the light of the Single European Market.

Activities: Sifting information on the Single European Market to analyse possible training implications and disseminating this by means of publications, seminars, conferences and workshops. Regional centres are being established to provide advice, consultancy and training.

The Unit is operated by a consortium consisting of the South Bank Polytechnic (main office and enquiry point), Bradford University (research base), Leeds Polytechnic (Northern office) and the Spicers Centre for Europe (senior consultant). Cambridgeshire Education Authority, Croydon College and Wakefield College are associates.

Publications: *PICKUP Europe Bulletin.*

SOBA: SCHOOLS OLYMPUS BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION

Address:

Mr Terry Brockley
Education Technology College
Bridge Street
Llangefni
Anglesey
Gwynedd
Wales

Tel: 0248 750235

Mr David Egerton
Cumbria College of Art and Design
Brampton Road
Carlisle
Cumbria

Tel: 0228 25333

Set up: 1989

Aim: To help teachers and students benefit from the use of the Olympus Broadcasting Satellite. Set up by the local education authorities, schools and colleges, it is an informal association, designed to share plans, ideas, experience, expertise and resources.

Activities: Provides for its members access to satellite time, a network of contacts in the UK and the Continent and the opportunity to explore new telecommunication techniques. Has established a network of schools and further education colleges.

It is a founder member of EUROSTEP (European Association of Users for Satellite for Education and Training). Is developing techniques to increase student involvement and inter-activity through computer conferencing, audio conferencing, telewriting and video essay exchanges. It also provides programmes for the EUROSTEP Channel, which is responsible for a wide range of video broadcasts of interest to a European audience, including topics such as the environment, conservation, careers, technology, problem solving, language, culture and art and design. For further information on EUROSTEP, the address is:

Rapenburg 63
2311 GJ Leiden
Netherlands

Tel: 010 31 71 120863.

UK CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN EDUCATION

Address:	Central Bureau Seymour Mews House Seymour Mews London W1H 9PE England Tel: 071 486 5101
Set up:	1978
Aim:	To promote a European perspective in education. It is part of a network of centres in each Community country and Austria, Sweden and Switzerland.
Activities:	Provides information for schools and member organizations; supports conferences, seminars and curriculum development.
Publications:	*EUROED News* (a termly bulletin).

UK NARIC: NATIONAL ACADEMIC RECOGNITION INFORMATION CENTRE

Address: NARIC
British Council
10 Spring Gardens
London SW1A 2BN
England

Tel: 071 389 4311

Set up: 1975

Aims: To provide an advisory service on overseas education, free of charge, to all those who have to deal with overseas academic qualifications and need to relate them to the British system, for example universities, polytechnics, colleges, professional associations, careers offices and schools. It does not give advice to individual enquirers.

Activities: Contributes to the preparation of the international guide to academic qualifications and liaises with many other EC and international organizations.

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What exactly is ERASMUS? Is it the same as LINGUA? Have you ever heard of HEURAS? What is the difference between EUROTECNET and EURYCLEE? Where can I get information about TEMPUS ... SOBA ... SATURN? Who or what is UKCEE? Am I eligible to apply for an ARION grant?

Are you getting confused?

As the integrated market of 1992 approaches, all those involved in education - policy-makers, teachers, researchers, students and pupils - are becoming increasingly interested in education policy and practice in the other member states of the European Community and more involved in trans-European activities.

This guide, compiled by Dr Heledd Hayes, Senior Information Officer, ***EPIC*** Europe, provides brief outlines in one handy source of the many organizations and programmes available to help interested parties establish inter-European links, provide information and advice and promote co-operation.

More than 50 organizations or programmes are included. The guide has been designed as a quick reference tool for those who need immediate, concise information. Full addresses and telephone numbers are also given, however, so that further information may be easily obtained.

The guide will be useful to educationists who wish to keep abreast of trans-European developments and to those information officers and librarians who are asked to provide such information.

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